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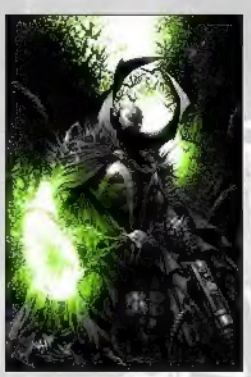

PREVIOUSLY IN *SPAWN*

SINN receives word that his way back into Hell may not be as difficult as he initially thought, while Spawn receives some uninvited guests at his secret HQ.

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PRIVATELY, MARC ROSEN ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THEY'D BE ABLE TO AVOID THIS MOMENT.
THAT JIM'S FEARS WOULD PROVE UNFOUNDED.
THAT AL WOULD COME TO HIS SENSES.
AND THAT REASON WOULD PREVAIL.

BUT HE REALIZES NOW, HE WAS ONLY FOOLING HIMSELF.

THIS WAS ONLY EVER GOING TO END UP ONE WAY...

AND THAT'S WITH A

WAR!

YOU LEFT ME! REMEMBER?! LEFT ME... TO ROT! OR DIE.*
WHY?
OVERT-KILL, DAMMIT-- STOP! THIS ISN'T...
AGH!
WHAM
* See issue 312 – Thomas
FUP
MARC!
THAT SLIGHT DISTRACTION JUST COST JIM DOWNING HIS EDGE.

YOU'VE JUST MADE A BIG MISTAKE!
BECAUSE, UNLIKE MARC, SPAWN ALWAYS KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME. THIS WAR.
HE'S BEEN BETRAYED SO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, OF COURSE HE PREPARED HIMSELF FOR THIS EVENTUALITY.

EVEN WORSE... HE HAS TO LISTEN TO DOWNING JUSTIFY HIS BETRAYAL.
"YOU BROUGHT THIS ON YOURSELF, AL.
"I WISH MARC WAS RIGHT, THAT YOU'D SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON..."
...BUT WE CAN'T KEEP WAITING FOR YOU TO WAKE UP! THERE ISN'T TIME!
AND THERE'S TOO MUCH AT STAKE.
DOWNING...

SHUT UP!
WHAT WAS YOUR PLAN? TO TAKE ME OUT SO YOU CAN SHUT DOWN HEAVEN AND HELL?!
YOU THINK YOU CAN DO THAT BETTER WITHOUT ME?? THEY'LL WIPE YOU...
C'MON. NOT YOU TOO, CY-GOR?

THE BEAST SHOWS THAT, IN THIS MOMENT, HE SEEMS NOT TO RECOGNIZE SPAWN.
BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING. A DISTINCT FREQUENCY HAS BEEN TRIGGERED THAT IS LITERALLY THROWING THE MECH-MONSTER INTO A BLIND RAGE!
IS IT DONE?
YEAH, IT'S DONE.
LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE.
"I THINK WE'VE MADE OUR POINT."

OMEGA ISLAND
I'M GETTING SICK OF LEO ALWAYS DOING THIS! HE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE ON THIS TEAM.
IT'S JUST A FEW MINUTES, CALM DOWN.
THAT'S THE PROBLEM, HE'S ALWAYS A FEW MINUTES LATE. EVERY TIME! IT MATTERS!
HIS SHIFT'S ALREADY STARTED. WHERE IS HE?
WE LOST SIXTEEN MEN LAST MONTH. THEIR FAMILIES WOULD BE APPALLED THAT THE REST OF US DON'T SEEM TO GIVE A SHIT.
I GET IT. IT'S THE PRINCIPLE OF IT, THINKING LEO'S TIME IS WORTH MORE THAN OURS.
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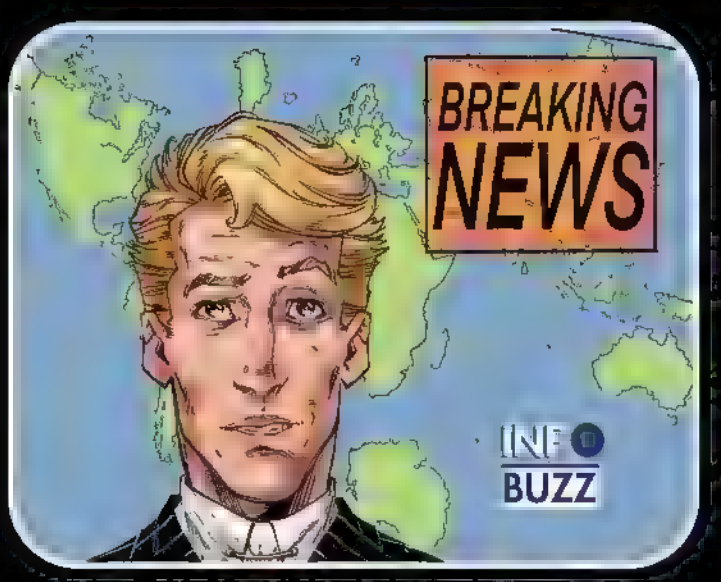
HEY, YOU HEAR THAT?

THE AIR FILLS WITH THE HISS OF HUNDREDS OF SCREAMING OBJECTS
HOLY SHIT!
THE FIRST STAGE OF OUR ATTACK IS UNDERWAY, MY LORD.
OUR SCOUTS NEUTRALIZED MOST OF THE ISLAND'S SENTRIES. SO FAR, RESISTANCE HAS BEEN MINIMAL.
WE EXPECT ALARMS SOON, BUT SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO BREACH THE FORTRESS' OUTER PERIMETER BEFORE CLOWN HAS TIME TO PROPERLY MOBILIZE HIS FORCES.

AT THIS PACE, OMEGA ISLAND WILL BE YOURS WITHIN THE HOUR.
WELL DONE, BLUDD. THIS IS A GOOD START.
THANK YOU, LORD SINN.
AND YOU, CADICLUS. YOUR INFORMATION HAS PROVEN ACCURATE SO FAR, IT'S TIME NOW TO PROVE YOUR TRUE WORTH.
OF COURSE. ONCE WE'RE INSIDE CLOWN'S FORTRESS, I'LL BE ABLE TO LEAD YOU TO WHERE THE FISSURE IS.
YOU CAN LEAD THE WAY IN DUE TIME.

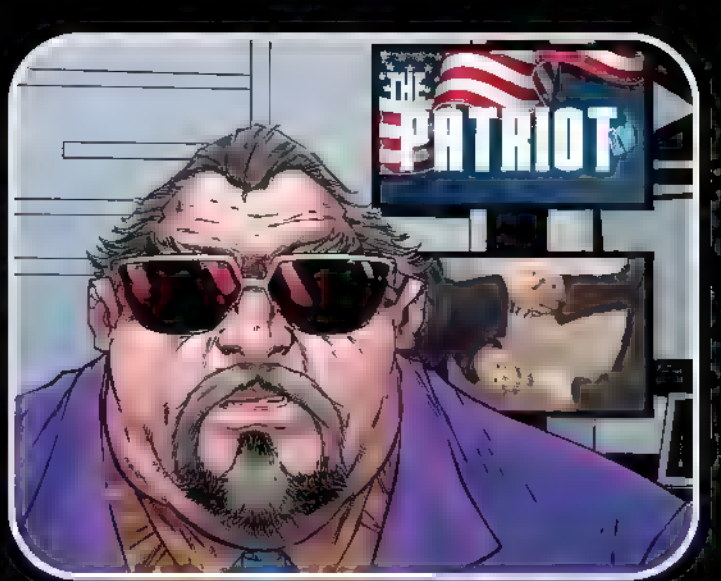
INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE INTO THE MYSTERIOUS FIRES, WEEKS AGO, IN THE COLORADO DESERT. WE FIRST LEARNED OF THIS **STRANGE INCIDENT** WHEN A GROUP OF HIKERS GOT MORE THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR. THE SETTING WAS A LEISURELY **WEEKEND HIKE**, INTENDED TO CELEBRATE THE **50th BIRTHDAY** OF ONE OF THEIR PARTY. INSTEAD OF STUNNING, PICTURESQUE VIEWS, THOUGH, THE OUTING WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR THEIR DISCOVERY OF A BURNED-OUT FORMER MILITARY BASE.

THE CHARRED SITE THEY HAPPENED UPON WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT NEAR THE COLORADO-UTAH BORDER. THE BASE, DECOMMISSIONED SEVERAL YEARS AGO...



...THERE'S BEEN ***SOME*** SPECULATION THAT THE BUILDING MAY HAVE BEEN REPURPOSED AS A ***PRIVATE RESEARCH FACILITY.*** BUT, AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY A MORE RECENT OWNER OF THE PROPERTY HAS SHOWN ***NO*** LAND TITLE TRANSFERS. SO, THE QUESTION THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE YET TO SHED ***ANY*** LIGHT ON IS... WHAT ***IS...*** OR ***WAS...*** THE CURRENT ***PURPOSE*** OF THAT BASE.

WE ARE ***STILL*** BEING KEPT IN THE DARK AT THIS TIME. AND TO DATE, THE ONLY ***NAME*** LINKED TO THE INVESTIGATION IS A ***GERARD S. MILNER,*** A ***DISGRACED SCIENTIST*** WHO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SERVING AS...



WHY?! WHY ARE WE WASTING OUR ***DAMN*** TIME ON THIS ***OBVIOUS COVER-UP?*** EVEN FOR THE LAMESTREAM MEDIA, THIS IS A ***PATHETIC*** ATTEMPT TO DISTRACT YOU FROM WHAT'S ***REALLY*** AT WORK HERE! ***THIS WHOLE THING*** WAS A ***GAS EXPLOSION.*** NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.

BUT THE DEEP STATE WANTS YOU LOOKING ***HERE*** SO YOU DON'T SEE THE CHUMPS IN WASHINGTON PREPARING ANOTHER ROUND OF HANDOUTS TO THEIR ELITE CRONIES. ***IT'S B.S.!!!*** AL SIMMONS ***WARNED*** US THAT THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE PENTAGON ARE HIDING SOMETHING. IF YOU CAN'T ***TRUST*** A ***MILITARY OFFICER...*** A FORMER ***C.I.A. MAN...*** THEN THERE'S ***NOTHING LEFT TO BELIEVE!!***

GOOD WORK EVERYONE, BUT THERE'S MORE TO DO.
OVERT-KILL, BRING SPAWN TO THE NEXT ROOM. I'LL DEAL WITH HIM THERE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT THE REST OF US TO DO?
MARC NEEDS SOME MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, MAKE SURE HE GETS WHAT HE NEEDS, FIRST. HIS HEALTH IS IMPERATIVE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT, THAT ALL US HEROES, WE'RE UNITED. WE CAN'T LET THEM HAVE ANY IDEA THERE'S A DIVISION.
SPAWN STILL HAS TO BE AN IMAGINED THREAT TO THEM.

WE'RE ALMOST AT CLOWN'S PERSONAL FORTRESS. IT'S UP AHEAD.
HAVING SPENT MONTHS IN CLOWN'S SERVICE, CADICLUS WAS ABLE TO BRIEF SINN ABOUT HIS FORMER MASTER'S SOLDIERS
DETAILING BOTH THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES
NOW HE'LL KNOW I'M HERE.

IN ANOTHER CIRCUMSTANCE EACH OF THESE RECRUITS WOULD BE A FORMIDABLE FOE ON THEIR OWN
AGAINST SINN, HE'D BE NOTHING OTHER THAN MOMENTARY OBSTACLES
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N'CLOWN'S
ARSENAL HAD
BEEN UNDER
PLAYED BY
CADICIUS
VIOLATOR.
AT LAST.

ELSEWHERE, SOMEONE IS NONE TOO PLEASED WITH THE DIRECTION THINGS ARE GOING.
WHERE'S JIM?
I NEED HIM-- OR ONE OF YOU-- TO TELL ME WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
IF I WERE YOU.
YOU'RE NOT!
I'D SLOW DOWN A SECOND, MARC. YOU'RE NOT IN THE BEST SHAPE RIGHT NOW.
GO, F*CK YOURSELF! THIS ISN'T WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR. DOWNING SAID I'D HAVE MORE TIME TO WRANGLE SIMMONS.
OUT OF MY WAY, OVERT-KILL. I NEED TO TALK TO JIM.
JIM BUSY. LATER.
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
HE SAY DO NOT DISTURB. NOT WHILE THEY DEAL WITH SIMMONS.
"THEY?"

LAST TIME WE SPOKE, YOU SAID YOU HAD 'MADE' ME.
THE QUESTION IS WHY? I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT. WHY WOULD YOU SEND YOUR SYMBIOTE TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE?
YOU KNEW I'D GAIN POWER FROM IT, STILL YOU SENT IT. TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT. MORE CURIOUS, YOU HAD TO KNOW A DAY LIKE THIS WOULD COME.
A DAY WHERE YOU WANTED SOMEONE TO STOP YOU.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, AL. YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT BUILDING SOME GRAND COALITION... YOUR ARMY TO TAKE ON HEAVEN AND HELL.
BUT YOU REJECT EVERY OFFER WHEN PEOPLE COME TO YOU WANTING TO HELP.

YOU'RE FEELING JILTED? THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?
NO, AL, IT ISN'T.
YES, JIM. IT IS.
THIS IS ABOUT YOUR RECKLESSNESS, PUTTING PEOPLE IN HARM'S WAY. YOUR WAY OF DOING THINGS DOESN'T WORK ANYMORE. IT'S WHY YOUR POWERS NEED TO BE STRIPPED.
THEN TELL ME, JIM, HOW YOU'RE GOING TO STOP THIS WAR?
WHAT ABOUT SINN? WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN HE COMES HUNTING FOR YOU, WHICH HE WILL.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION, AL. I'M NOT A HELLSPAWN ANYMORE.
HAVEN'T BEEN FOR A LONG TIME.
WHAT?

SORRY WE NEED TO MEET AGAIN UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, AL, BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE THE GRAVEST DANGER TO OUR WORLD...
AND YOU NEED TO BE STOPPED!
SPAWN SHUDDERS IT'S NOT HER... NO! NOW... NO WAY SHE'S BACK FROM THE DEAD WITHOUT HIM KNOWING THIS CAN'T BE NYX!

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SPAWNING GROUND PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

Hello, a question about Cogliostro: If Cogliostro is actually Cain, is it possible that Abel appears in some way to take revenge? Cain ended up becoming Cogliostro and then Sinn. Is it possible that Abel became a Spawn or a Redeemer?

-FRANCISCO

Francisco, thanks for the letter. Yes, since SINN is actually Cain, it certainly would make for an excellent story for Able to return in some way to seek revenge against his brother. Since SINN is currently hanging around in Spawn, I'm going to suggest that you keep reading…

-THOMAS

Dear Spawn team, I have been buying & loving all the Spawn books, but I would like to know when we will get the origin of this new Redeemer. In which book will tell it?

-SEAN.

Hey, Sean. Thanks for reaching out. With the launch of Spawn's Universe and the new books, we introduced some new characters and brought back some old ones. That includes two new Redeemers! First was the Redeemer that is currently working with the Scorched. Not much is known about him, but he certainly seems to know more than he is letting on. The second is the Dark Redeemer from the main Spawn book. He was revealed to be one of the first Redeemers created by Heaven. All I can tell you is that you will be seeing more of Dark Redeemer soon, and to keep reading SCORCHED for some more reveals into the history of the winged hero.

-THOMAS

I drew a fan art of Spawn, and I was wondering if you're interested in putting it in the fan art section on the next issue of Spawn.

-JOHN

You know what, John. I would love to include your Fan Art in the book!

-THOMAS

Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
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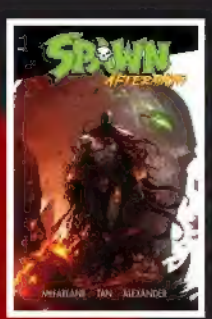

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